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# Indian study angers Senate panel

# Committee's report will detail the government's 'failed responsibility'

WASHINGTON (AP) — After investigating for 17 months, collecting a million pages of documents and holding 20 days of public hearings, a Senate panel is preparing a report detailing what its chairman calls the government's failed responsibility to Indians.

Members of a special unit of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs have advocated that Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr. make reforms in the agencies responsible to native Americans.

"I cannot think of any area where the federal government has so completely abdicated its responsibility as it has in Indian affairs," Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., chairman of the special committee, said Thursday.

At the same time, Lujan told the committee he thought his department was doing a generally good job. "However, I am sure that the Department of Interior can do more," Lujan added.

The committee, which also included Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., looked at federal agencies dealing with native

Americans and found them lacking in many respects.

But DeConcini said some positive actions have already come as a result of the committee's work.

"First, we have brought the misconduct of Navajo Chairman Peter MacDonald and other tribal officials to the attention of their respective tribes and the U.S. Department of Justice, who are taking action," he said.

MacDonald was ousted as chairman of the Navajos when contracting irregularities involving payments to MacDonald were revealed by Senate staff investigators.

DeConcini also said 20 firms that were improperly receiving Indian contracts were exposed.

"Many of them are now being sued or debarred by tribal governments, as well as investigated by the Justice Department," he said.

The problem of child abuse on some reservations that was brought to light has led to creation of parent support groups and community awareness programs, he said.

Lujan said Bureau of Indian Affairs employees

with direct access to children are now given deeper background checks before hiring.

DeConcini said that a hearing last month on encroachment by private individuals onto Indian land in the Arkansas riverbed has inspired several companies and people to contact the Cherokee, Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes who own the land, with offers to pay royalties.

The senator said hearings on oil and gas theft from Indians caused tribes and oil producers to hire new inspectors to help prevent such theft.

Litigation has begun in efforts to recover compensation for stolen oil and the Justice Department is conducting a criminal investigation based on the evidence the committee developed, he said.

But despite what he considered successes, De-Concini expressed dismay that conditions were so bad.

"Why weren't these problems discovered and dealt with earlier?" he said. "And how can the federal government spend \$3 billion a year on Indian programs with no assurance that the most fundamental standards of accountability are being met?"

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### Editorial 2nd

### **Another Fine Powwow**

Ken and Nancy Davis, and their Heber Valley Powwow Committee, did it again last weekend. The Second Annual Powwow was even better than the first, except for unavoidable problems caused by the weather.

Chairing the event is no small challenge. The Davises began calling committee meetings for this year's Powwow not long after they paid last year's final bills. They have met monthly and devoted a lot of time in between meeting since then for the second year.

Everything did not go as smoothly last Everything did not go as smoothly last weekend as it appeared, and therein lies the reason the Davises and their co-workers deserve an extra round of applause. The average visitor to the Powwow only witnessed a smooth operation while, behind the scenes, some scrambling may have been going on to resolve program problems. That's the measure of good management and planning.

Local people were enthusiastic about attending the Powwow, although the cold nights and Sunday's rainstorm limited the crowds. The contestants loved it here and plan to return next year.

But we're not sure how many years one couple or one committee can devote to an annual Powwow. We do know they need more local help and support, not just more spectators at next year's event. And they need it beginning soon.

If we want to continue the Powwow tradition the Davises have begun, more of us need to throw in a few bucks for the prize money and volunteer a little time during the year. Anyone who means business about a Third Annual Heber Valley Powwow, may call the Davises at 654-2590 to offer some help.

# **Indian Nations To Powwow** In Heber City This Weekend

The third annual Heber Valley Powwow, this Friday through Sunday, will be more than an exciting and entertaining event. For Indians Powwows are spiritual gatherings, and for non-Indian spectators they provide an educational personal experience with a different culture and traditions.

Indian dancers and drum groups travel on circuits, similar to rodeo circuits, competing for prizes, Indians from across the nation are expected to compete in Heber's contest Powwow.

The Indians will set up camps at the Wasatch County fairgrounds. Indian and non-Indian food will be someone else intercede for them. available and Indian arts and crafts will be displayed and sold. Along with the competition, there will be exhibition dances and opportunities for non-Indians to participate.

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Powwows are spiritual and cultural gatherings, where old friendships are renewed and new friendships are formed. The atmosphere is informal and festive, but the music, dances and costumes are spiritually symbolic.

Indians design their own costumes and usually make them themselves. Each color and ornament has personal or spiritual meaning because they believe in having a very personal relationship with the Creator, rather than having

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fort and heal, similar to anointed oil in some religions. An Indian respects his eagle feather and will lose it if he dishonors it, the greatest insult he can suffer.

Dancers may paint their faces to portray sorrow, joy, or special medicines, which could be compared to spiritual gifts in Christian religions.

Traditional dancing is conservative in tempos, movement and costume. Fancy dancing, developed during the past 80 years, is faster, with more intricate footwork and the costumes are more spectacular. Men and women compete separately and children compete in age groups.

The Grand Entries will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Saturday, and at 10:00 Sunday morning. The cost will be \$2 for adults, \$1 for students, and there will be no charge for children 12 years old and under:

# **Native American's** gather for Pow Wow

By SONNI SCHWINN **Herald Correspondent** 

HEBER CITY - For Native ence a different culture.

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# In our opinion

# Utah must heal the wounds in relations with Indians 28 July 1990 Des. News Up to a point, the San Juan County Likewise, how about take

Commission is to be commended for moving to heal the wounds that have been inflicted in relations between Indians and whites in that part of Utah.

Acting in obvious response to the nasty controversy over excess travel payments to Mark Maryboy, the commission adopted a resolution this week asking other government agencies to help improve relations between the Navajo and Anglo residents of San Juan County.

So far, so good.

But anyone who thinks that problems involving relations between whites and Indians is limited to just this part of Utah is fooling himself.

Moreover, while outside observers and maybe even impartial mediators could help, there's still no substitute for face-to-face talks between tribal and government leaders on a regular, continuing basis.

Indians can help themselves by working to put more of their own people in various elective offices around the state. Yes, we know such efforts can be anything but easy. But public office is often the key to more visibility as well as more clout.

Likewise, how about taking a new look at the governmental superstructure in Utah to determine whether or not it would be helpful to set up a few boards of Indian affairs at the state and local levels and if the present State Division of Indian Affairs is as effective as it can and should be?

Even after such steps are taken, they are still no substitute for the fundamental good will and toleration of differences that are essential to harmony among people of diverse backgrounds.

Though the landscape is dotted with places bearing such names as Timpanogos, Kamas, Uinta, Kanosh, Tintic, Oquirrh, Kanab, Wahweap, Piute and Kanarraville, too many Utahns are oblivious to this state's rich Indian heritage and to the continuing importance of the various Indian communities in this state with their individual sensitivities.

Plenty of healing needs to be done if relations between Indians and Anglos in Utah are to become as healthy as they should be. The resolution passed this week by the San Juan County Commission, though potentially constructive, is only an initial. small step.

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Elizabeth Stieler, who co-chairs

Sutteer and Tammy Clegg, offered

this year's committee with Jim

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the fourth largest in the state.

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Herald Correspondent

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The Heber Valley Powwow is staged to bring together people of many different tribes who display the "living art" of today's American Indian in the form of dance competition. The dances used are social not religious; however, colorful handmade costumes, rhythmic drummings, and entrancing songs are an important part of each performers tribal background and illustrates the dignity of his heritage.

The Indian tribes people who participate, as well as for those who come to watch, whether Native American or not, the event renews in each person respect for his own heritage and an inspired vision for the uniting of mankind in the future.





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# Pow Wow Brings Culture and Entertainment To Heber Valley

Some 140 Native American dancers and seven drum groups. from every western state and Canada, representing more than 35 tribes, are expected to compete in the annual Heber Valley Powwow at the Wasatch County Fairgrounds this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Participation in the event has way they are treated. grown by about 50 percent since the first powwow five years ago, and its prize purses are, therefore, becoming some of the largest on the powwow circuit. Tammy Clegg, secretary of the all-volunteer powwow committee, said some unique Heber Valley qualities are responsible for making its powwow a favorite on the circuit.

She said Native American committee members tell her holding the powwow out-of-doors, in such a beautiful green valley, with Mt. Timpanogas and the other

having the arena set up on lawn. makes it more like powwows used to be, unlike some modern powwows that must be held indoors or on dirt arenas. She said they also

Local folks also are impressed with the Native American visitors. who ban all liquor and drugs during a powwow, both on and off the trol every event in the valley, report the powwow is the most peaceful, and has been incident-free hesitate to attend for fear of not every year.

fully accomplishing one of the main reasons it was brought to the valley: to help "diminish a stigma" often attached to Native Americans.

mountains in the background, and and to bring the two cultures together.

For Native Americans, powwows are opportunities for keeping their traditions alive and teaching them to children, for sharing with feel welcomed by the townspeople old friends and making new ones. are impressed with the courteous Powwows are formal spiritual and cultural celebrations, and informal social get-togethers. But whatever is going on in the arena is always treated respectfully. There even are dances and ceremonies that are so property where it is being held, spiritual that the audience is asked Law enforcement officers, who pa- not to take pictures, and occasionally to stand with hats off.

First-time spectators, who may knowing what is expected of them, Clegg said the event is success- need not worry. The emcee always gives instructions and explains what is going on in the arena. At times, everyone in the audience is

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### Pow Wow...

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invited to join the Native Americans in a circle dance, in which the step is so simple it can't be used as an excuse to decline.

Men, women, and children compete for prizes in traditional, fancy, grass, and gourd dancing, Many of them make their own outfits, which may require hundreds of hours to create intricate beadwork or other artwork, and every part of an outfit means something special to the wearer. A piece of jewelry may be a religious or historical symbol, or a gift from a grandparent or spiritual leader.

Authentic Native American handicrafts will be displayed during the powwow and may be purchased. Food also will be available, including Indian fry bread and Navajo tacos, and the Coca-Cola

Co., one of the event sponsors, will sell beverages. Clegg emphasized that non-authentic carnivaltype vendors will not be allowed.

The Grand Entries, which open each session of the powwow, will begin Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m., and Sunday at 10 a.m. There is no set time when each day's events will end. But Clegg said the dancing probably will continue until about 7 Saturday, and the finalists will compete for championship prizes on Sunday afternoon at 3 or 4.

All-day passes will cost \$2 for adults or \$1 for students, and three day family passes may be purchased for \$5. Children under 12, senior citizens, and handicapped people will be admitted without charge. All the profits are used for powwow expenses and prize money.

# Heber Valley Pow Wow Gets Better Each Year



More Native Americans attended and competed, and more spectators attended the Fifth Annual Heber Valley Pow Wow at the Wasatch County Fairgrounds last weekend than ever before. Members of the Pow Wow committee report the event is getting a reputation among Native Americans for being one of the best Pow Wows in the country, mainly because of the beautiful mountain setting and the hospitality of the local people. According to spectators who return for every Pow Wow, the costumes are more elegant each year, and the dancing becomes more beautiful and skilled.

### Police Report

# Police Compliment Pow-Wow Visitors

The Heber City Police Department highly complimented the Native Americans who participated in the Heber Valley Powwow last weekend, as well as the spectators and the committee that was in charge of the event.

"We want to thank all the powwow representatives and participants on their attitude and the way they conducted themselves. They've done a really great job down there every year and we've had very few problems," said Sgt. George Hug-

"The spectators were all courteous, like when the ceremonies called for them to show respect, to stand up and take their hats off," added Chief Jimmy Matthews.

The Wasatch County Sheriff's Office is looking for a trailer made out of a Datsun truck bed, worth stolen from the North Fields area. between June 26 and Jun 29. The \$200. 7-1-92

trailer is blue, with a red and white lightning stripe on one side, and "Datsun" on the tailgate.

An \$825 Giant ATX 780 black mountain bicycle, and a black and purple Trail Ridge/Head 21-speed bicycle, worth about \$200, were reported stolen from the porch of a residence on State Road 189 in Provo Canyon, during the early morning hours of June 27.

A VCR, stereo, and satellite control box, plus some alcohol and soda pop were reported taken from a Brighton Estates residence, June 25. According to the investigating officer's report, the suspect entered the home by breaking a small kitchen window.

Suspects stole four jacks after removing them from a camper parked near 2000 So. Mill Rd., about \$150, that was reported April 24, according to a complaint filed with the sheriff's office June south of Coyote Lane, sometime 27. The items were worth about

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Dancer Dave Merkley, 17, Logan, left, jokes with Jim Israelson, 11, Logan, as the

two and Spencer Neaman, 9, also of Logan, prepare for Saturday's grand entry

at the 5th annual Heber City Powwow at the Wasatch County Fairgrounds.

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## Chairman of Annual Heber Valley Pow Wow Expresses Appreciation

Residents of Wasatch County: Recently, we shared our fifth annual Heber Valley Pow Wow with you and indication has it being our most successful.. The weather held this year allowing for the event to remain outside and afforded the atmosphere essential to its purpose. The confidence your city and county officials had in the committee's efforts once again allowed funding for a severely restricted budget. We hope the generous participation of the local merchants and business people is being rewarded with a positive impact on sales volume. You certainly deserve more than just a "thank you".

We added a 5K Run this year as a benefit for the Wasatch County Library and hope the forthcoming contribution can be accepted as a small gesture of appreciation for the cooperation and cordiality extended by your community.

Thank you for the use of your town and for your participation as interested observers. We want to continue many more Pow Wows here as this event has become prestigious on the circuit.

We are a proud people and this annual gathering provides the opportunity to share some tradition with you. Hopefully, it helps to explain our pride, at least in part.

> Jim Sutteer Chairman 1992 Heber Valley Pow Wow

